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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shogo YAMAMOTO et al.

Application No.: 10/774,615

Filed: February 10, 2004

For: OPTICAL PICKUP LENS, MOLDED
OPTICAL COMPONENT,
HANDLING METHOD, AND MOLD
FOR OPTICAL COMPONENT

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) Group Art Unit: 2873
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) Examiner: David N. SPECTOR
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-28 solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,765,732. Applicants have concurrently filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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